THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 19th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Government Hospital, Mayuram.

* 129 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why the Government stopped the proposal of constructing a ward at Mayuram Government Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The construction of the work has not been stopped."

Mining lease held by the General Sandur Mining Company.

* 130 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state when the lease of the only firm, alluded to in answer to question No. 78 on 16th March 1950, that exports manganese from Sandur, expires?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The mining lease held by the General Sandur Mining Company expires on 31st December 1953."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" In view of the fact that despite India being a free country this Company is supplying manganese to American war-mongers, is there a proposal to stop this Company from exporting manganese to war industries in America? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, as I said, this Company has got a lease till 31st December 1953. As to whom it will be given after that date is a matter for the Government of India to decide."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know if our Government are prepared to recommend to the Centre that manganese need not be sent to America? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" How does that question arise from the main question? "

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, the conditions of workers working in these mines are very bad and proper amenities are not given to them. Will the Hon. Minister for Labour look into this matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" What has that to do with the main question? The main question is about the mining lease. It is not about the working conditions. Let the hon. Member give notice of a fresh question."